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..... SMALL, Robert Orange, 1872- Bowdoin A.B. (P.B.K.),
 Cut from : 1896. Principal rural and village
 favorite : high schools, 1897-1903; Supt. town and city schools,
 photo : 1903-1913, in Mass. Director Voc. Ed., Mass. Dept.
 glossy : Ed., 1913-1942. Retired by law Dec. 27, 1942; but un-
 print : der war ruling continued Assoc. Dir. and Dir. War Pro-
 duction Training. Contriver of ways of getting voc.
 ed. into more occupations, and to help more young people. Developed
 public school and private shop cooperative programs/ in Beverly.
 Produced placement records, as checks on programs, in Beverly before
 1913; afterwards, state-wide. Dropped idea of voc. ag. dept. in
 Beverly in 1912, to get behind successful drive to establish Essex Co.
~~XXXXXX~~ Ag. School; but continued to support school and home farm co-
 operation concept, by standing for supervised practice on home farms,
 commercial farms, or estates, and against mass instruction of classes
 on school farms. Professional improvement, before activated by per-
 suasion in voc. ag. ed., he made a flat requirement five years for
 every voc. instructor. Influence for sound voc. ed. powerful and
 national. President American Voc. Assoc. in 1940. Ardent sponsor of
 forgotten youth. Sympathetic encourager of striving associates.
 Clear in vision. Prompt in decision. Tireless in action.
 -- F. E. Heald and R. W. Stimson.

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Small, R.O.

April 6, 1943

Dear Mr. Small:

My too hastily arranged sketch in your honor sent you yesterday, has been revised overnight and I think improved. When I recall your own repeated revisions of important products of your own pen, I am sure that no apology on my part is necessary.

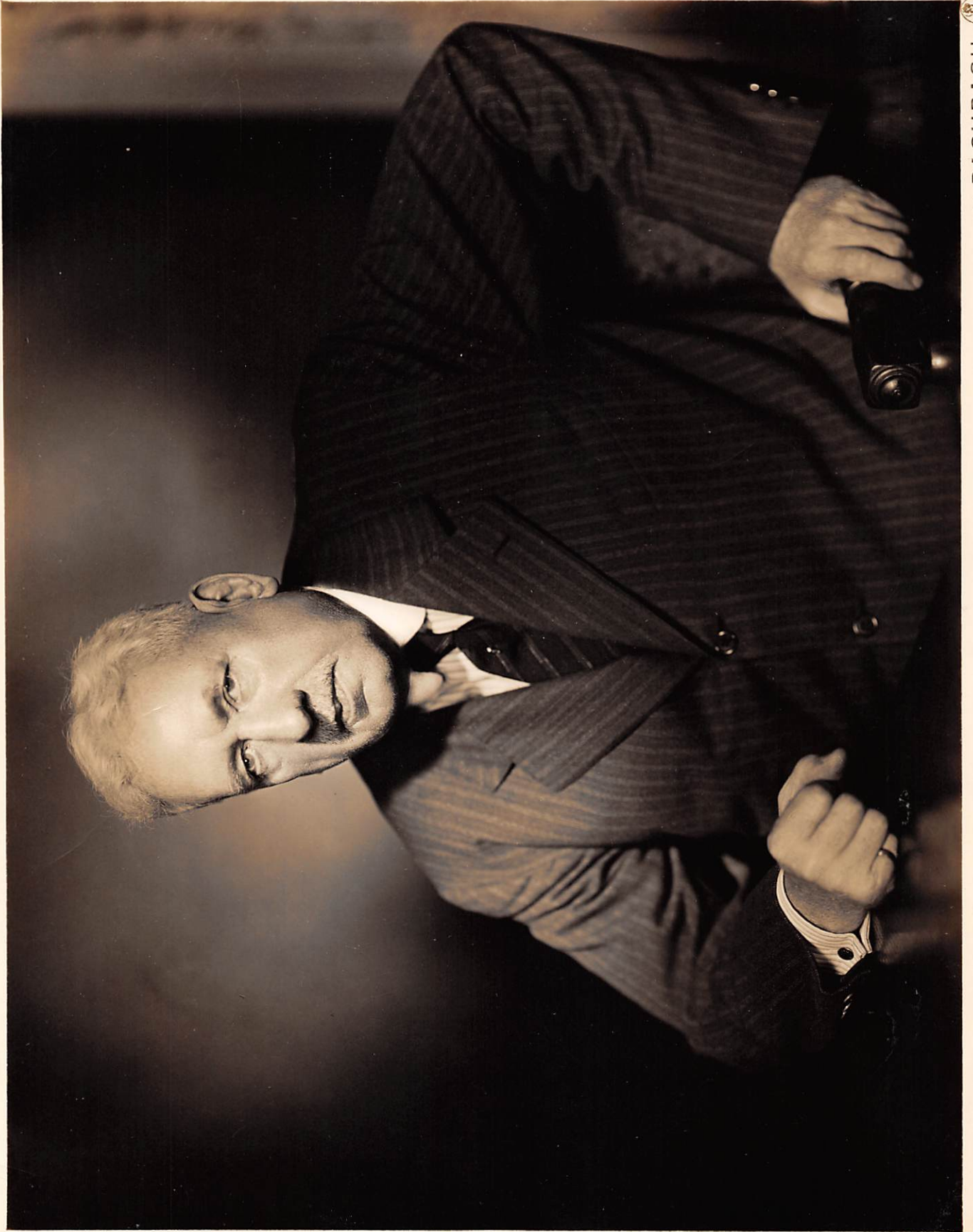
You will see that I am proposing myself as joint sponsor with Mr. Heald. He, as you will see, is responsible for about half of the items chronicled; but omitted other items I had suggested, probably preferring to leave their phrasing and insertion to me. This privilege I have accepted, and I hope you will find our joint offering accurate and acceptable. Because it exceeds the top limit of 20 lines, by 1 line, I am confident nobody will complain.

Mr. Heald left space open for any higher degree or degrees conferred upon you about which we have no information. Please tell me what should be added.

Your O.K. or advice will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Rufus W. Stimson.



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